

An Chance to Meet the (Potential) Boss

By Sabrina Butts
Staff Writer

On February 18, Saint Joseph's College hosted a Career Fair for students so they could meet some perspective employers for summer jobs and internships. It was open in the Core building from 1-4 in the afternoon, allowing many students the opportunity to have a look after or between classes.

There were many booths available from a wide variety of fields, from Medical to Mass Media to Accounting and nearly everything else in between. Some of the companies there included Wal-mart, the radio station Q97.7, the police department, the marines, and even the C. PP. S.

The students who attended seemed to have a positive response on the opportunity. Junior English major Jennifer Ruff had this comment. "I came to the Career Fair looking for a



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possible internship this summer. I loved the variety of employers that were available to talk to. Even if I end up not getting the internship I am looking for this summer, it was a great

opportunity to practice my interviewing skills."

The people at the booths were very welcoming and warm, eager to talk to students about the field and any questions they

might have about that particular job choice. To assist students in looking for internships for the summer, Jessica Barton from the Saint Joseph Career Center was available with helpful information and forms for the students. The office, which is located on the second floor of Halleck, can assist students in contacting businesses and organizations to set up internships.

Though the Career Fair is over, there is still time to turn in forms for internships, though the deadline is fast approaching. The Career Center is taking applications to arrange internships through the college, which are due on the first of March. Don't miss this opportunity to get some experience in the field that strikes your interest most!

Upcoming Career Center Events

* 2/27 Chicago Advertising Federation Annual Career Day and Cultural Initiative Program

* 4/15 Teacher Candidate Interview Day

* 4/16 Northeast Indiana Career Employment (NICE) Expo

Appreciate Your Resident Assistant

By Elyse Hillyer
Staff Writer

According to the handy dandy Puma Guides, Wednesday, February 18th was RA Appreciation Day. For students who live in the dorms, their RA (or

Resident Assistant) is most

likely a person who is part of their daily life by helping them with any problems they might have dealing with life in the dorm, or in other areas of their lives.

Annette Sieverding, is a junior Elementary Education major and RA on the third floor of Justin West. Annette says that she feels appreciated being an RA and likes all the girls that live on her floor. She helped mediate roommate issues when the girls couldn't handle it themselves and says "sometimes they just

need someone to vent to and lean on." She also says "The girls are always willing to consult me if they have something they need help with."

Freshmen Math major Amy Varner sees her RA as sort of a motherly figure and says "She really helped bring the floor together as more of a family from the beginning of the school year." Amy also really appreciated her letting them get floor shirts to show their floor unity. Amy adds, "Even though she won't let us get

too rowdy at night, we still have a good time."

Laurinda Cockerham is a freshman Biology major and hopes to be an RA next year. When asked what made her want to be an RA, she said "At first it was because I felt I needed a room to myself, and then I realized that I had a lot of creative ideas of ways to decorate the hall, and I thought I could take on the responsibility of being an RA."

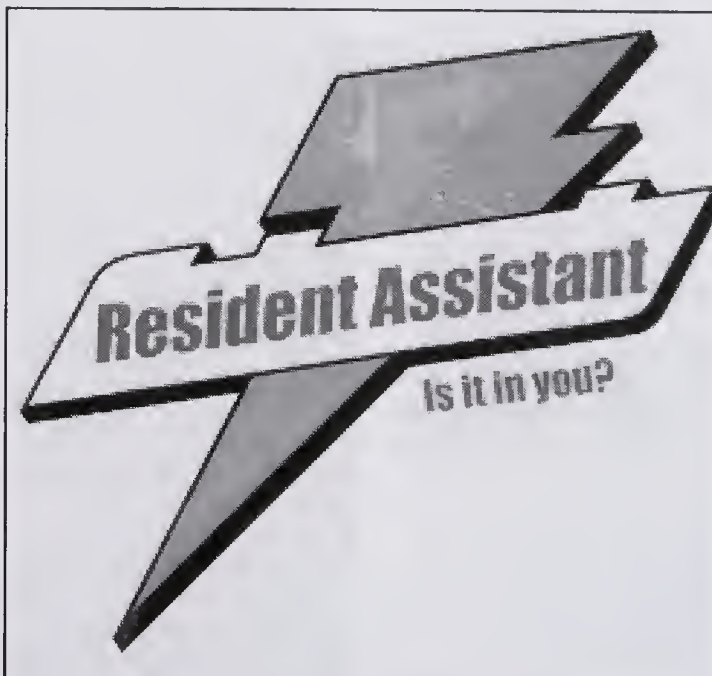


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RA Duties: Would you be able to handle it?

When on duty a Resident Assistant is required to do the following

* Stay in room with the door open

* Make a total of three rounds a night, which require the RA to

* Check for vandalism

* Make sure policies are being followed.

Roles of an RA

* Mediator

* Peer counselor

* Programmer

* Disciplinarian

* Leader

* Friend

Famous RAs

* Adam Sandler

* Hillary Rhodam Clinton

* Mike Ditka

* Wesley Snipes

* Rusty Greer

* Jeremy Castle

* Sheryl Crow

* John Nabor

Mentalist Messes with Pumas

By: Eileen MillsGroninger
Guest Writer

I'm not going to lie. I believe in a lot of the ridiculous things that I hear. Ghosts, ghouls, demons, spirits, magic, and unicorns are things that I truly believe in. But even I have my moments of skepticism and doubt because believing in all of those things is crazy, right? On February 15, my skepticism and belief was put to the test when Christopher Carter, a popular mentalist, performed for students and prospective students in the ballroom here at Saint Joseph's College.

Christopher Carter began his show through promotion, performing a few tricks throughout dinner. This particular Sunday was unusual to begin with, since it was Discover Day and we had many Prospective Pumas roaming about the campus in addition to our current Pumas. As everyone dined in the cafeteria, Christopher Carter roamed about bending spoons and forks, just by rubbing them and inviting others to do the same. It was incredible to view, and my overnight being officially freaked out when he invited her to bend one as well (which she did, quite reluctantly).

We went to the show to see what else he could do and it was not a disappointment by any means. He started off by telling us that he was not a magician or a psychic, but that he would definitely be able to freak us

out. That was his goal, and I would wager that he succeeded. I don't even know if I can accurately describe the kinds of tricks he did, but it was a sight to behold, without a doubt.

During the audience participation, he put 2 silver dollars on his eyes, placed multiple layers of duct tape over his eyes and nose, and then placed a very thick blindfold on top of that. Then he had us write our names, favorite numbers, and a secret or unusual thing about ourselves, and a question we wanted answered on an index card and placed into a bowl that was positioned in front of him. There was no way he could possibly see (or smell) the cards, but he was able to reveal a secret of Joe Stewart's that no one could have guessed. Everyone in the room was absolutely astonished as the mentalist correctly revealed that Joe had received bagpipe lessons from a Chinese man.

Carter admitted that he was simply connecting to the energy and traces of ourselves that we left on the cards we submitted, but it is still freaky to think that he could tell if we had hesitated when writing our question, but still had an answer for it. Not every trick was completely satisfactory though. There was a point in the show when he invited two students onto the stage to



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light some Walmart light bulbs with their minds, but it failed to impress. If that trick would have worked, I am quite confident that I and my overnight would have fainted from shock, but luckily no ambulances were needed. Regardless, the show was very impressive and hilarious at times, and I encourage everyone to check out his website, www.mindramp.com, for more information and video clips.

Euchre Tournament at SJC

By Ashlee Doty
Staff Writer

On February 19 SUB presented the first ever Euchre tournament in the Halleck Ballroom. For SUB this was an attempt to bring in home grown events. Euchre is a card game that follows suit. The players play the best card of that suit. They only play with ace to nine. Jack is the highest then king, queen, and so on. There are three rounds and two rules that were used doing the tournament; screw the dealer, and offer a cut. Whoever is shuffling has to offer the other team a chance the cut the deck. A knock on the table means pass and the next player goes.

The tournament was double elimination. Most of the games were played to nine points

which is achieved through a combination of hands. Nine teams ended up signing up. Sophomore Josh Garrison says that Euchre is a great stress reliever. Senior Marija Kasley, "This game keeps me from getting bored. And if you know what you are doing you don't have to think." Most of the players agreed that the games can get pretty intense and, depending on who you are playing, the game can go on for a while. Some of the students learned the game here on campus while others learned it at home. Junior Bill Perry "Euchre is a family game. I grew up playing it." The prizes offered for the tournament were 1st place each team member received a \$50 gift card and 2nd place received a \$25 gift card. First place winners were Bill Murray and Erik Reynolds and second place was Sara Porter and Tara McCauley.



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Kairos Retreat to Bring Students Closer in Faith

By Francisco Gonzalez
Staff Writer

As most students know, Campus Ministry hosts the Kairos retreat about three times each year. This coming retreat is the fifty second retreat that has been held under the leadership of Brother Tim Hemm C.P.P.S. As a number of students have already signed up for the retreat, Brother Tim shared some thoughts regarding the preparations Campus Ministry has to undergo in order to make Kairos possible,

"Lots of preparation goes into Kairos. Starting in January we've met weekly to prepare talks, prepare the schedule and events, and recruit retreatants. The retreat is a lot of work and takes a lot of behind the scenes preparations. One of biggest problems we deal with is people who sign up and then don't go... they're not aware of all the preps we do for each person and it makes for difficulty."

The retreat will take place over four days and it gets students away from campus to help students to withdraw from the daily routines of campus life. The retreat is headed by Brother Tim, 8 student team members and two rectors. The retreat is based in a large group and separates into smaller groups for discussions as well as personal time for prayer and reflection. The retreat offers St. Joseph College students

an opportunity to come closer with their faith as well meeting new people from different class years and backgrounds.

Senior Liz Miskowiec had this to say about the retreat. "I thoroughly enjoy the Kairos experience. I went on it once when I was in high school, and Kairos LII, which is March 26th-29th, will be my fourth one with the college. The retreat is a wonderful opportunity to step outside of your comfort zone and get to know others who are similar to you. It is a refreshing time and pleasant escape from the stresses of classes and other obligations. Kairos leaves you with an emotional high like no other and inspires you to become a better person. If anything, you



Above is a Jerusalem cross that also symbolizes the Kairos retreat at SJC (Photo courtesy of <http://nextgeneration.net/Pope%20Certificate%20detail.jpg>)

Upcoming Events

* 2/27 Start of Spring Break

* 3/8 End of Spring Break

* 3/9 Comedian Mike Kosta
9:00 in the Ballroom

* 3/10 Puma Educators Panel
7:00 in Core 102

* 3/12 Comedian Richie Holli-
day 9:00 in the Ballroom

* 3/14 SJC Comedy Festival
7:00 in the Ballroom

* 3/15 Jazz Concert 4:00 in the
Theater

“What If?”

By Asher Bontreger
Staff Writer

I read in the news recently that Mayor Daley has ushered in a new program for the city of Chicago. This program takes cameras around the city and links them up with 911 call centers. When someone calls to report a crime, the dispatchers can instantly access the closest camera to the crime’s location. This allows dispatchers to locate criminals and give critical information to responding officers. The mayor plans to have cameras on every corner by 2016.

At first, this sounds like a great idea. Honestly, it might really aid emergency responders. However, I can’t help but think about a multitude of classic sci-fi novels and movies. It brings about thoughts of “Big Brother” or the totalitarian despot leaders in “V for Vendetta.” I acknowledge that such a scenario is a long way off, but are we getting closer to that situation? I see that the placement and use of such cameras can have

positive effects. I also see that we sacrifice a level of autonomy and freedom as well.

There is no question that Mayor Daley has good intentions for this system. That is to say that he doesn’t plan on becoming dictator of Chicago and seeing the citizenry impoverished. However, good intentions can lead to negative consequences. Maybe I’m paranoid; maybe my inner sci-fi geek is coming out. I just have a gut feeling that this new policy can be great, but that, necessarily, the next “means of protection” could involve cameras in houses or on private property. Maybe microphones will become a popular way to stop crime. Should the government then install microphones to listen in on all citizens? My question is where do we, as citizens, draw the line? When have we given up too much freedom in the name of our own safety?

I don’t exactly know where to draw the line, but I am inclined to say that I would rather have a higher level of autonomy and be a little more responsible for my self defense than to surrender it all to another actor.

Again, my sci-fi geek is

about to come out. Does anyone remember the “Terminator” series with the giant Austrian man walking around killing people and blowing up robots? Skynet, the program in the “Terminator” designed to link up multiple systems in order to protect the citizenry, eventually assumed such control that it dominated the human race. Hal from “2001 A Space Odyssey” was originally designed as a computer program to aid in a critical space exploration mission. It got power hungry, though, and began killing humans. The defense program in the recent movie “Eagle Eye” went crazy and decided to take matter into its own hands in order to save society. It just happens that part of that process involved killing many, many people.

I understand that these are fictional examples and that I might be making much ado about nothing. I just can’t get over the striking similarities. We seem to be headed in a clear direction that at some point could have negative consequences. I know we are very far away from that and may never arrive there, but being a kid raised on “Star Trek” reruns I can’t help but wonder, “What if?”

Dear Editor,

After classes are finished for the day, most students will do homework, sit in their rooms and do nothing, or do any number of other activities. Doing homework is fine, but wouldn’t it be better for those other students to have some kind of entertainment provided? The Student Union Board strives to do just that.

Despite SUB’s best efforts, though, it seems that only a small number of students—five percent

or so—come to events planned by SUB. We need more ways to advertise the shows that we bring in and also home-grown activities. We already pass out fliers and send out emails. Newspaper is an effective way to spread the word. SUB could make a list of upcoming events and submit it to the Observer, so that those who read it will see what is planned for the next month. In addition to the list, SUB could also have a short article that promotes these events and tells students to spread

the word.

More students could be participating in SUB events here at Saint Joe. There is usually at least one event, but frequently two events, each month. Students have plenty of options for how they spend their nights. So, instead of wasting time in their rooms, they should be with friends, having fun at a SUB event.

Sincerely,
Brandon Bennett



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Dear Editor,

Microwaves can only cook so much. If any of us get tired of eating at the cafeteria, our options are basically Lean Cuisine, Ramen noodles, or Easy Mac. Sure, those are all good, but sometimes you want a home cooked meal, and it’s not like we’re unable to cook.

So why is it that there is only one stove on the whole campus for students to use? Furthermore, it’s in a boys dorm, and not to be sexist, but a girl is probably more likely to cook her own food at school than a guy. It’s very frustrating not be able to cook your own food if you want to. Obviously it would cost the school more money to install these facilities, but in the long run, the benefits of allowing students to have this access would make up for the cost.

A point against having stoves in the dorm is that they would

be a fire hazard. The school is obviously keen on us being safe from fire since there are many room regulations in place to prevent fire such as not allowing candles, open heating elements, and no decorations can be placed on the ceiling. This makes sense, and would be a fair point if there weren’t already one stove the students have access to. Fire hazard cannot be the issue if there is a stove already in place on campus.

Many students wish to have cooking facilities in the dorms to be able to have a home cooked meal every once in a while, or to be able to cook for special occasions like birthdays. “It’d be nice if you are feeling homesick to be able to cook, and you get that ‘at home’ feeling,” says freshman Biology major Laurinda Cockerham. “We would like to be able to cook other things besides Ramen noodles and having more

cooking appliances in the dorm would help us be able to cook healthier meals on our own,” says Justin West resident Mia Gonzalez.

The obvious problem and opposition to installing cooking facilities in all of the dorms would be the cost. One solution to this problem would be to have a fundraiser. If every student chipped in a little bit, it would greatly reduce the cost for the school, and students would be able to enjoy the benefits for years to come after paying just a small amount.

So in the end, with a little effort from the student body, students could enjoy the comforts of home cooked meals in the dorms. It would further their independence, and it would give students more freedom to choose what they eat.

Love,
Elysse Hillyer

Equality for the Cooks on Campus

By Kynten Hannon
Staff Writer

Many students on campus have heard of the renovations currently taking place in Bennett. From the grumblings of residents, it sounds as if Bennett is long overdue for certain repairs and additions, but more than a few students have taken particular interest in the addition of the kitchen facilities to the dorm.

Many of the ladies on campus are rather perturbed by the addition of another kitchen located in an all-male dormitory. Some of the problems that this creates include the lack of access to a proper cooking area for the ladies unless a friend will let them in the dorm and escort them while they cook, and an extremely long walk to and from the kitchen if they are coming from their dorm room. As one of the ladies who faces challenges like these in order to cook a simple meal, I personally find this a bit more than irritating. I understand that there are probably some phenomenal male cooks on the campus and they also need access to a kitchen area, but there are also multitudes of young women waiting for an opportunity to make some hand-made goodies as well. No offense guys, your hotdog and hamburger cooking skills are probably superb, but the girls would like the opportunity to cook for themselves as well.

In conclusion, it is understood that kitchen areas are added to the campus as it is seen fit, but students would like to see them more equally distributed. Students do understand financial constraints on the college’s ability to provide kitchens to dorms. With that in mind, very few of us anticipate the addition of a kitchen to any women’s or co-ed dorms in the immediate future, but a few ideas that various community members conjured up included times when other campus residents would be allowed into the dorms and have access to kitchen facilities so that the investment the college has made will be of use to everyone, rather than just a few students.

Have your voice be heard!

--Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?
--Are their **issues** in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?
--Do you have any **concerns** with policies on campus?
--Are there **issues you** think need to be discussed?
--Tell us about it!

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Life Is Beautiful: The Humor in Dire Situations

By Amber Melvin
Staff Writer

“Life is Beautiful” is an Italian film starring Roberto Benigni (also the film’s director and writer) as Guido Orefice, Nicoletta Braschi (Benigni’s real life wife) as his wife Dora, and their son is played by Giorgio Cantarini. “La Vita é Bella,” as it’s title is in Italian and released in 1998, is about a father’s ability to shield his son from the horrors of World War II.

Guido amuses everyone he meets with comedic acts of chivalry and humility throughout the first half of the movie. He is quite an easy character to become attached to as he genuinely cares for his family and adds humor to their lives. He is an unselfish person who does everything he can to care for his family in the circumstances surrounding them.

This film is spoken entirely in Italian, but it has English subtitles. If after reading this review, you decide that you would like to watch this film but do not have the patience to read subtitles, be sure to find the English dubbed version. Dubbs are humorous in

their own right, but you will lose some of the natural humor this film offers if you subject yourself to the dubbed version. Nothing is more poetic than hearing a film in its original language, especially when it comes to Guido calling his wife “princess.”

“Life is Beautiful” begins as a happy, comedy that turns into a melancholic, yet uplifting story that will bring tears to your eyes. As a foreign film, some may find

it a bit confusing in how it is set up in the beginning, but I do not think that it is too terrible.

This is set in the 1930s in Italy when the Germans begin taking the Jews away to a Nazi concentration camp. The accuracy of events is a bit off, but overall the concept behind the story is what really matters. If you are a history buff, you may have a few bones to pick with the details, because of the inaccuracies, but

the story still gets across the way it should.

As far as continuity errors in the film, here are a few you may want to look for when you watch the movie again. As mentioned before, Benigni and Braschi are married in real life, and during the movie there is a moment that Dora refers to Guido as Roberto. There is even a moment when Benigni is mouthing lines to his character’s son as the boy speaks them. There were also other goofs in the film, if you want to check them out, go to www.imdb.com.

Once I saw this movie, I immediately fell in love with it. I am not completely sure what it is that makes it so good, I just know that it is a great movie and I will continue to watch it over and over again. I truly believe that this movie is a must see. I personally think it is a “you like it or you don’t” kind of movie.

Unfortunately our small town Blockbuster does not have this film, but maybe if you look hard enough, you might find it at some other movie rental place back in your own home town.



La Vita é Bella
Life Is Beautiful

Cast

Roberto Benigni
Nicoletta Braschi
Giorgio Cantarini

Directed by Roberto Benigni

Written by Vincenzo Cerami and Roberto Benigni

Released October 23, 1998

An unforgettable fable that proves love, family, and imagination conquer all.

Guido tells his son about some of the finer points of life on a stroll. (Photo courtesy of <http://l.yimg.com/img.movies.yahoo.com/ymv/us/img/hv/allposters/51/1800088651p.jpg>)

In Case You Missed It: Shudder To Think Shake Up the 90s

By Michael Garrity
Staff Writer

Who doesn’t love the 90s? Between Power Rangers, boy bands and the height of Quentin Tarantino’s career, it was certainly a decade to remember. However, most people remember music from this decade as not much more than the one-hit wonders of the Alternative Rock scene (Semisonic’s “Closing Time,” anyone?), which is a real shame.

Today’s modern rock scene owes much of its beginnings to bands that came about in the 90s; everyone from Botch to Sunny Day Real Estate to Green Day helped to pave the way for many indie rock bands of today.

However, one of the very first underground bands of the 90s that aided in forging this new era of music have almost completely faded away into obscurity, despite their track record of excellent albums. Shudder to Think’s most famous best album is 1994’s *Pony Express*. In fact, in 1999 Pitchfork Media named *Pony Express* Record the 29th best album of the 90s.

For the early part of Shudder to Think’s career, they were

signed to indie label Dischord. However, they grew in popularity following their 1992 album *Get Your Goat*, with opening slots on tours with bands like emo-pioneers Fugazi and the Smashing Pumpkins. This led to the band being signed to Epic Records, and marking *Pony Express Record* as their first major label release. Though the band replaced their guitarist and drummer just before the recording of *Pony Express*, it certainly did not hinder them at all in the studio.

Immediately upon playing the album, you know that you are in for something completely different. The first track (and first single) “Hit Liquor” starts with a quick snare hit and immediately we are greeted with crunching guitars and Wedren’s distinct and powerful vocals. Certainly not your conventional rock song it nevertheless sets the tone for an album that is anything but normal.

The next song is the more accessible “Gang of \$,” which has Wedren singing about how



I like to wear my sunglasses when there is no sun. (Photo courtesy of http://www.mtv.com/shared/media/images/artist/s/shudder_to_think/az_official/281x211.jpg)

his mouth is a “cold sore display case,” which can put some people off, but it is ultimately a very catchy tune.

The album continues in this manner, with the band mixing a variety of styles, everything from jazz to glam rock to post-punk to folk to metal with their traditional post-hardcore sound to create an experience unlike many other.

Today, you can see the band’s influence in modern acts like Coheed and Cambria, The Mars Volta, and Tool.

Among the best songs are “9 Fingers On You,” a deliberately sexual, yet very punk rock track.

The highlight of the album comes right in the middle of the 13-track disc, with the song “X-French Tee Shirt,” which some may know because it was covered by Alternative Rock poster boys Incubus. The song goes from seemingly traditional pop to distorted math rock in a manner of seconds, but always keeps the listener hooked. Following that is “No Rm. 9, Kentucky,” which begins as an acoustic number before

progressing into a full band arrangement, without ever losing its sincerity. The album then ends with “Full Body Armor,” a short, slow, and hauntingly beautiful song. However, the album is one that should be listened to as a whole, because there is no better way to get a feel for its unique blend of different styles, which is really what makes it so great.

Today the band has broken up, with Wedren writing songs for many movies and television shows, his most notable work being the theme song to the show Reno 911, and one of the songs for the movie School of Rock. Recently, Wedren and *Pony Express* guitarist Nathan Larson reunited for the Barack Rock event in support of presidential candidate Barack Obama. They then went on a small headlining tour through 2008, with no official plans to record. However, new music or not, the guys in Shudder To Think will always be able to look back on an excellent career, and can be proud of the fact that they created one of the most challenging, yet beautiful albums of all time. Anyone who is a fan of contemporary Alternative rock should check out *Pony Express*, because many of today’s bands owe a great debt to Shudder To Think.

Codex Alera Series Promises Enjoyment

By Erica Brown
Staff Writer

If you have ever read series or seen the TV show on Sci-fi, *The Dresden Files*, then you are most likely already a fan of Jim Butcher. If you are like me, you find the year long wait between books unbearable, which is why I was delighted to find that he has started another series.

At first I was rather hesitant: sometimes different series from an author are a bust (i.e. Charline Harris). This new series, however, more than lived up to my rather low expectations. Since I picked up the first book in the Codex Alera series, *The Furies of Cauldron*, I have been waiting impatiently for each new book and sadder than I was at the end of the Harry Potter series to know that the next book in the Codex Alera will be the last.

The Furies of Cauldron focuses mainly on the main characters that are either trying to find those who are rebelling against the crown or trying to stop the invading hordes of the barbarians. For the most part the story is told through the teenager Tavi’s point of view, with smaller portions of the book being told through a cast of other major characters, both good and bad. Set in a alternate reality in a place with a Romanesque society (Butcher is fairly accurate with his information and knowledge of the Roman Empire, and I find the details he gives in regards to his made up empire fascinating. The history major in me got really excited when I was reading his descriptions of the land this was set in.) and filled with humor, adventure, action, and a little horror and romance, it is a compelling read.

I will admit that the story does start out a little slow, and that Butcher does give extraneous details. However, these details form a beautiful tapestry that is the backdrop for this epic series, and fortunately, he does not feel the need to recap in each of the successive books in the series. Some of the characters are also hard to follow. Butcher seems to enjoy ending chapters in cliff-hangers and then taking off in the next chapter with character who is not involved with the previous chapter at all. It does become rather frustrating, but in the end, it is worth it, especially seeing as the narrative in his later books becomes more and more compelling, and the characters which have annoyed you throughout the rest of the series become interesting.

People who enjoy the first book will be glad to know that there are four more books to read when you are done with *Furies of Cauldron*, and the sixth and final book should be coming out sometime in the next year. Despite its slow start, and attention to detail, the humor and action suck you in, as do the cliff-hangers. I strongly recommend it to anybody with time on their hands and jones for a really good book.



Tracklisting

1. Hit Liquor
2. Gang of \$
3. 9 Fingers On You
4. Sweet Year Old
5. Earthquakes Come Home
6. Kissi Penny
7. X-French Tee Shirt
8. No Rm. 9, Kentucky
9. Chakka
10. Own Me
11. So Into You
12. Trackstar
13. Full Body Armor

Animal crackers make great album coverart. (Photo courtesy of <http://assets.mog.com/amg/pop/cov200/drdr100/d126/d126395k921.jpg>)

Alternative Procrastination Methods

By Andrew Dudich
Staff Writer

Have you ever set aside your massive term paper due the next day to waste time on Facebook only to discover that it's offline? This is not a sign from God that you should be working; it's obviously an omen that you have become transcendent of Facebook and are now ready for an even more diverse array of Internet amusement!

In other words, I lost access to my Facebook account last week and have been searching for new ways to fill the void. I shall now impart to my fellow students my acquired knowledge of alternative web distractions:

1. Kingdom of Loathing
<http://www.kingdomofloathing.com>

This MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game) has been around for a few years, but is just as fun as the day it emerged on the Internet. This hilarious

spoof of traditional role-playing games features stick figures as the main characters and doodles as items and enemies. Learn to play with the Toot Oriole and then battle your way up to teach the Naughty Sorceress a lesson. Kingdom of Loathing (KoL) constantly references pop culture and other real-life elements to keep the hilarity at the max. If you ever wanted an addictive game that features an accordion thief shooting zombies with potatoes, then this game is for you!



I see your sword is as big as mine. (Picture courtesy of <http://images.kingdomofloathing.com/otherimages/leftswordguy.gif>)

2. Woolly Hooves: The Invincible Llama Sim
<http://woolly-hooves.com>

For those who wish to play a simpler game with a

similar feel and hilarity factor, try Woolly Hooves. The Invincible Llama Sim features our lovely dromedary friends in a much higher quality graphics environment than KoL which will make any My Little Pony buff coo in excitement. The colors are cheerful and the missions are always crystal clear. My only hang up with Woolly Hooves is that it can get repetitive, but definitely worth a look if you want a laugh and aren't up for the complexity of KoL.

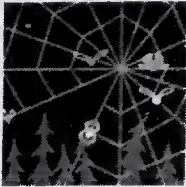
3. Horntabs
<http://www.horntabs.net>

For the music majors, I have selected Horntabs as my recommendation to check out. While there is a myriad of sites for guitar tablature, what if you wanted to play Zoot Suit Riot on your trumpet? Horntabs is a great resource to look up free tabs for trumpet, trombone, or saxophone (alto to bari). The forums always feature lively conversation, and available tabs range from Louis

Armstrong to Less than Jake.

4. Arachnophilia
<http://www.digyourowngrave.com/arachnophilia-spider-web-game>

In order to drop your tarantula in lecture, you must first procure one. If you are wary of the "no pets in the dorm" clause, Arachnophilia may be the game for you. As a spider, the object of the game is to trap prey in your web, starting with



For more information on the crock spider's bitch... (Photo courtesy of http://www.digyourowngrave.com/content/arachnophilia_game.gif)

lowly flies and working your way up the food chain to ensnare a bat. However, larger animals will break through your web more easily, and if you run out of webbing and health, you're done for! As the game play is new every time, I

was instantly hooked. For the arachnophobic, try Vector Runner, a high-speed indie dodgem game which is also located on the site.

5. Sideways
<http://www.Sideways.com>

If gaming isn't your forte, do not fear! Other procrastination resources are ready to distract...er...relax you. Sideways is a hand-drawn and inked web comic following two friends during their quest to survive after what may have been the end of the world. A unique artistic style juxtaposed with technology results in an animated adventure of excitement and captivation viewable in the comforts of your room.

So, the next time your plans fall through or you simply want to put off that homework just a little while longer, remember this helpful article. I'll see you on the Inter-web!

A Different March Madness

By James Smith
Staff Writer

My favorite time of the year is upon us. No, not spring break. March Madness. As long as I can remember, I have longed for the Sunday night when the NCAA Division I men's basketball brackets are announced. I fill out as many brackets as I can get my hands on and enter half dozen challenges online. It's not just men's basketball for me though. I get hyped up over any kind of college bracket I can find: Lacrosse, tennis, volleyball, even water polo which consists of only four teams. My dream job, no kidding here, would be to be a bracketologist.

This got me thinking a few weeks back. We typically always put college athletic teams against one another in a bracket, what about the more important side of college-academics. Instead of sifting through dozens and dozens of college rankings, I personally prefer US News rankings, I thought I would focus right here at Saint Joe. Obviously, we do not have 64+ academic departments we could have compete against one another. We do, however, have our faculty numbers near 64 (a little over I believe).

Enclosed in this edition you will find the 2009 SJC Faculty March Madness tournament bracket. Before you chew me out for ranking a professor too high or too low or leaving a particular professor out, please note the following: this is just for fun. I am not an evaluator of the faculty, nor do I sit on any committees that determine promotions. This bracket is not endorsed by any faculty member, and no faculty member had anything, I repeat anything, to do with the formulation of it. To the full-time and adjunct faculty that I left out, please remember there is always the NIT tournament. The

bracket was constructed to have the four major academic divisions as regions, with the Final Four in our general education Core. The respective regionals were placed to the highest seed within that respective discipline, followed by the closest disciplines. One final note: this bracket will not be completed with results, as that is nearly impossible to do. Please do not ask me who wins which match-up. Instead, analyze the bracket yourself and make your own predictions. This is the one, and possibly only, March Madness bracket you will ever have control over who wins what.

Here are a few of the breakdowns of first-round match-ups that are interesting.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION REGION

(1) Fr. Tim vs (16) STAFF
We have all seen those courses offered each semester around registration time being taught by STAFF. Finally, Professor STAFF gets in the game with a daunting match-up against Padre in the Religion regional.

(10) Jerry McKim vs (7) Teresa Massoels

The 7-10 match-up is always tough, especially with two major conferences, I mean departments against each other in education and business admin. These two alums are sure to duke it out. Look for this one to go into overtime.

HUMANITIES REGION

(8) Bonnie Zimmer vs (9) Gary Sanders

It's definitely a road game for both of these playing in the Philosophy Regional hoping to get to a potential match-up against Dr. Nichols. That's after this blockbuster though. Look for paint to be spilt and watch out for tricky dance steps in this one.

(11) Claudia Sadowski vs (6) Maia Hawthorne

The classic SPANGLISH match-up occurs again, this time

in a neutral language of math. Though Professor Sadowski is only adjunct, she's got one of the largest teaching loads of any adjunct faculty, beefing up her RPI. Professor Hawthorne, the former Kingman, is hoping to tongue-twist her Spanish-speaking opponent with literature and poetry. ¡Vamos!
NAUTRAL SCIENCE REGION

(8) Dr. Kerlin vs (9) Dr. Brodman

Though the 9 seeded underdog is at home in biology against the English-teaching Kerlin, this does not appear to be a pushover match at all. Look for another barn burner in this one.

(10) Dr. Garrity vs (7) Dr. Olson

The 7-10 mouth-watering match-up occurs again in this region. Though Olson's specialty is a bit closer to the home crowd of chemistry than Garrity's, you can never underestimate Dr. Garrity. Of any double digit seed, he probably has the best shot at a Cinderella run to the Sweet Sixteen or further.

SOCIAL SCIENCE REGION

(8) Susan Chattin vs (9) Dave Dixon

The best 8-9 match-up ever! Well, maybe not ever, but for 09 for sure. Two seasoned, Core lecturing veterans duke it out in the education regional. Doe Ryan clearly has a home court advantage against the winner of this match-up, but watch out for big win by either Chattin or Dixon. It all comes down to who shows up on game day.

(11) Linda McFarland vs (6) Illicia Sprey

This match-up is a total train wreck. Both sides are well-liked and do not easily match up against each other, especially on the econ. home floor. Look for the fans to be peering through their fingers as they try to not watch.

More Random Than Humean Logic

By James Smith
Staff Writer

With the advent of spring on campus, here are some random thoughts about life at SJC.

First, the increase in temperatures outside seems to correlate with students skipping classes. I decided I wanted to know exactly how much each class costs through tuition. Assuming you are a full-time student, with a MWF class you pay \$63.89 for 12-credit hours and \$42.59 for 18-credit hours. For a TR or MW 75 minute class, you are paying \$95.83 and \$63.89, respectively. For a once-a-week class, \$191.70 and \$127.80, respectively. Assuming Core lecture and discussion are equal, each Core lecture is worth \$95.83 (12 hours) and \$63.89 (18 hours). The key point here: skipping class equals wasting money.

This spring has seen many student-athletes schedules get busy with spring sports beginning. Despite my groaning at 6:30 AM practices four days a week all semester up until spring break, I love being in season. The balance of athletics and academics has been what I have known for 13 straight years now. It seems that most of us here at Saint Joseph's currently play sports and/or played in high school.

The one thing that has always irked me about intercollegiate athletics is the term student-athlete. I have played tennis here all four years I have been here, and I can testify that I am not and have never been just an athlete. I am a student-athlete. Whenever I try to describe what athletics I am involved in, I say I play college tennis. I'm sure you've heard the new tag line for the NCAA: "There are 360,000 NCAA student-athletes, and just about all of us will go pro in something

other than sports." Feel free to call NBA, MLB, NHL, and NFL professionals athletes, but please don't call student-athletes athletes. Otherwise, why do we even do the academic side of college if we don't acknowledge it in those who compete on the field?

One last note in following up on my previous article regarding the cost of meals. The numbers I printed regarding the cost per meal per meal plan were inaccurate. Sodexho does not directly charge students for board. Instead, SJC charges students, and of that amount, Saint Joseph's gives a certain amount to Sodexho. I am in the process of finding out what amount is given to Sodexho, as that information was not provided by Sodexho.

Instead, I would like to point out the disparity between the meal plans. On meal plan A for this semester, there are approximately 295 meals a student can swipe with \$25 in the HUB. In order to get an additional \$50 in the HUB for meal plan B, a student sacrifices 140 meals in the cafeteria. For an additional \$25 in the HUB from plan B to C, a student sacrifices 30 meals. From plan C to D, a student gives up 25 meals for \$50. The maximum worth of a 'sacrificed meal' is \$2, and at worse \$0.357. This is not considering the absorbed cost that food services experiences by a drop in students coming to meals in the cafeteria though still putting a large amount of food out. Though I am a little naïve, I seem to think that when a student reduces his/her meal plan to fewer meals in the cafeteria, he/she should get the worth of those 'sacrificed meals' in the HUB. A dollar is a dollar is a dollar. Calling it a Puma Point doesn't distract me from seeing it as still a dollar.

MLB Divisional Rundown: NL West



By Jamie Fennessy
Staff Writer

Hey Pumas, the last time I wrote about sports I was discussing the NCAA Football bowl game predictions. Spring Training has begun, so let's talk about the NL West roundup. . .

The Los Angeles Dodgers

The Dodgers are still in contract negotiations with THE Manny Ramirez. Ramirez had a playoff run to remember, carrying the Dodgers on his back for the last half of the season, and into the playoffs. After the Yankees spent over \$400 million dollars in their offseason with the acquisitions of A.J. Burnett, C.C. Sabathia, and Mark Teixeira, they do not have

the financial flexibility to offer Ramirez the contract he so desires. That last statement might be a stretch, but let's just say, Brian Cashman and the Yankee front office do not want to spend that type of money on such a seasoned veteran, even if it is Manny Ramirez. The Yankees were the only other team, truly in the running to land Man Ram, but now the Dodgers are in a bidding war with Ramirez's head. A deal will be worked out in the coming month, and regardless of what number Manny wears he will again be patrolling left field for the Dodgers. Also, this offseason Jeff Kent, who set the record for most home runs hit in a career by a second baseman, retired. He is replaced by the

recent acquisition of Orlando Hudson who comes over from the Arizona Diamondbacks. Hudson will provide solid defense, and a steady bat at the beginning of this Dodger lineup. Derek Lowe, and Brad Penny have moved on to free-agency. Guillermo Mota (59) and Brad Ausmus (12) were also solid pickups for this rejuvenated Dodgers crew.

The San Francisco Giants

The Giants were one of the oldest teams in Major League Baseball last season. Tim Lincecum provides a solid start to the Giant rotation. The Giants added Jeremy Affeldt (41), Bob Howry (62), Randy Johnson (51), and Edgar Renteria

to a younger core of farmhands. The Giants have mixed together a good youth movement, and some solid veterans to try and make a run at a wide open NL West.

The Arizona Diamondbacks

The Diamondbacks had a disappointing ending to their 2008 campaign. The D-Backs have picked up Jon Garland (52) who came over as a free-agent from the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (yes, that is their formal name).

Scott Schoeneweis (60), Tom Gordon (36) and Jon Rauch (57) were also solid pickups in the offseason. The Diamondbacks kept their core members together for a 2009 reunion, and look to improve on their fate from last year. This team is solid, and the front office shore up a pitching staff that needed to add depth.

The San Diego Padres

This is the only team in the NL West that will not be in contention in my eyes all year. The Padres have tried to dump as much cap room as possible, and are still trying to shop around Jake Peavy to the highest bidder. The Padres, who just opened a brand new coast side park (Petco), in which attendance has been way down, are going completely with a youth movement. David Eckstein (3), Henry Blanco (28), and Cliff Floyd (16) were the Padres big name acquisitions in the offseason. Look for the Padres to play spoiler more than they would play for the division title. This is definitely a down year for Padres fans, the word rebuilding will be used many times when discussing these priests.

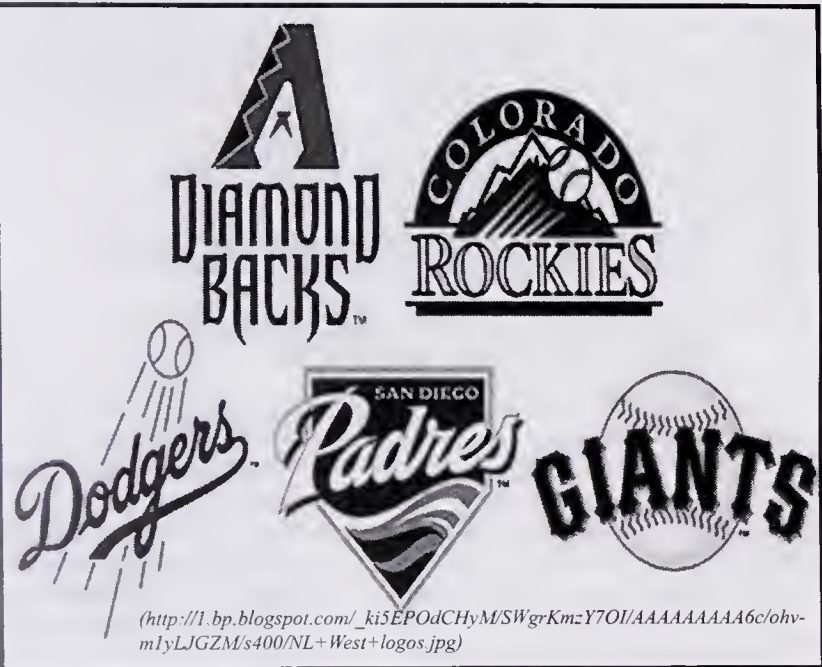
The Colorado Rockies

The Rockies are definitely in the hunt to win the NL West in 2009. The only problem is that their acc Jeff Francis, may not throw a single pitch in the whole 2009



In order for the Dodgers to succeed, they must resign Outfielder, Manny Ramirez. Photo Courtesy: http://img.fannation.com/upload/si_blog_post_images/manny-ramirez1.jpg

campaign. His arm troubles have kept him out of spring training and the Rockies do not expect to see their young stud back on the mound anytime soon. However, the Rockies did pick up Jason Marquis, Matt Murton, and early in the offseason made an acquisition for Huston Street formerly with the Oakland Athletics. Cubs fans are saying, is he really talking about Marquis, and Murton? In the NL West these two players could be huge contributors. Huston Street will take over for Brian Fuentes who left for free-agency. This team was a definite bust in 2008, and is trying to reclaim the form of a team who surprised everyone in clinching the 2007 National League Crown.



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By Pam Larson
Staff Writer

Puma Basketball Profile:
AJ Mahar

What do you like about SJC?

I like the short walk to classes and the availability of professors.

What's your favorite place in Rensselaer?

Can't say that I have found a favorite place in Rensselaer.

What's your favorite sport?

Golf.

Favorite band?

Prestige Worldwide and Brennan and Dale.

Favorite food?

Buffalo Chicken and New England Clam Chowder.

What do you like about playing basketball?

The thing I most like about playing basketball is the competition, I am very competitive and it gives me a way to compete in a team atmosphere.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time here in Rensselaer I play video games. When I am other places with more to do I love to golf, ski, four wheel, snowmobile, fish, and go boating.

What do you plan to do after college?

I plan to get involved in the family business in Vermont and work on expanding it nationwide.

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would it be? Why?
The person I would most like to meet would be Richard Branson. He is involved in many different businesses I think it would be amazing to be able to have control over as many businesses and people as he is. His companies are things that I find intriguing as well. At the same time I feel like he lives a relaxing life style as he lives on his own private island.



(Photo courtesy: http://www.saintjoe.edu/athletics/rosters.php?team_id=198&puma_id=1006)



AJ is a Senior here at SJC, and plays Forward for our Mens Basketball team.. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.)

Teams Look To Add Key Free Agents in NFL Off-Season



By Mitch Dean
Staff Writer

The NFL off-season is here, and starting with a bang. One major component of the off-season has to be the shuffling around of free agents. Now for those of you who do not follow football, a free agent is a player whose contract is up after the season and no longer has contractual obligations to the team he played for. This means that he can decide to go to any teams who offer him a contract to play. Now, this year it seems that there are quite a few big named free agents on the market, leading to conjectures as

to whom they could go to or who would be the best pick up. Well, here is my couple of cents on the matter.

Albert Haynesworth is a major free agent on the market. Coming from the Titans, he is an overpowering defensive tackle. He seemed to hit his stride this year, becoming a major player on the Titan's stellar defensive front. He has all the skills to be a dominant player on any defense, and is a young guy in his prime. He could conceivably become the highest paid defensive player in the NFL.

T.J. Housmandzadeh very closely follows Haynesworth in every conversation of free agents. Being opposite number 85 (Chad Ocho-Cinco), he is sometimes overshadowed due to the fact

that he is a quiet player. But despite the hoopla surrounding his teammate, T.J. has been playing steadily better and better as his career unfolds. Another big plus is that he handles himself like a professional. One team that comes to mind that is in need of a receiver of his status is the Chicago Bears. The receiving core of the Bears needs a feature receiver with experience and poise to lead the position. Housmandzadeh is that player.

Another defensive player on the free agent market is Ray Lewis, middle linebacker from the Baltimore Ravens. One knock against him is his age; Lewis has been in the NFL for a long time. However with age comes experience, and experience is one of the most valuable intangibles that a leader can have. He makes

players around him better, and is a leader on Sundays. Recently, reports have been coming in that Lewis has stated he would like to play for the Dallas Cowboys. He has been quoted as saying; "It's been a dream of mine to wear that star."

And finally, another player that could make huge impacts for a team in need of a quick running back, Darren Sproles from the San Diego Chargers. Backing up L.T., Sproles has already racked up an impressive resume of yardage. His quickness and top end speed put him in the top of the fast back type in the NFL. He creates plays with his explosiveness and can catch out of the backfield making him a very versatile player. One team that could use his talents is the Cleveland Browns. Jamal Lewis

is a power back, running down hill crushing defenses. With Darren Sproles as a counterbalance to that power with his speed and versatility could become a huge weapon.

These are the four big free agents that I feel will make a huge impact in the coming season. As teams reassess what niches need filling, these are an option for many teams to look to. With a huge selection of high caliber free agents, coaches are going to have a lot of tough decisions to make. Also with the draft coming up, the deadline is quickly approaching.



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Gentlemen Start Your Engines! NASCAR Season

In Full Swing

By Jake Hellinga

Guest Writer

With the beginning of another season of NASCAR underway many are brushing the dust off of their Jeff Gordon gear. Two weeks ago the 51st running of the Daytona 500 kicked off the official NASCAR season. The race, however, was called short due to rain after only 152 laps and the winner was the number seventeen of Matt Kenseth. A regular NASCAR season is made up of 36 races that encompass 10 months of the year. This weekend the 43 drivers will tackle the 1.5 mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway and can be seen on Fox. This year NASCAR is welcoming many new faces and team chang-

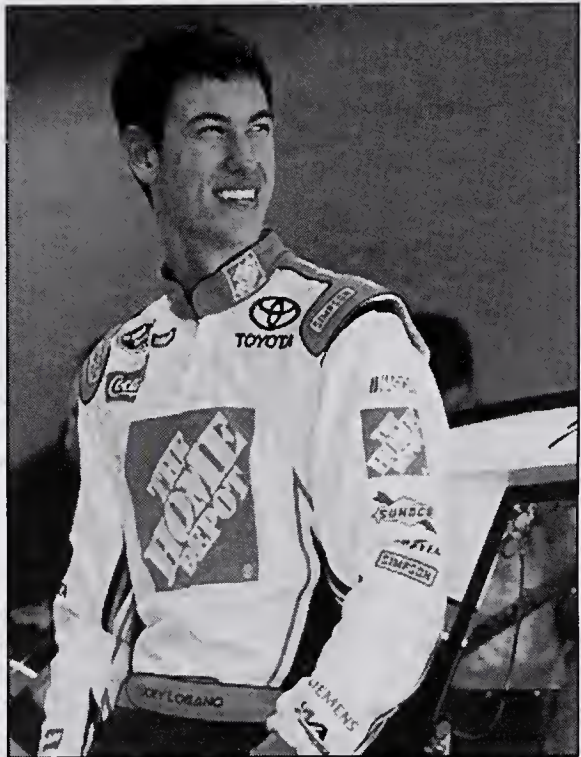
es. One of these drivers was also the youngest driver to ever start in the Daytona 500. Joey Logano is only 18 years old and is driving the number 20 Home Depot car, which in years past Tony Stewart drove. Scott Reed and Logano got tangled up and crashed on lap 79 finishing last, however many drivers see the potential in Logano. In a press release Mark Martin said, "I am high on Joey Logano because I am absolutely, 100-percent positive, without a doubt that he can be one of the greatest that ever raced in NASCAR. I'm positive. There's no doubt in my mind."

With the large following of NASCAR, there are still a select few who argue that NASCAR is not a sport. Saint Joe sopho-

more, Miguel Belcina argues that NASCAR is not a sport by exclaiming, "NASCAR is not a sport! All they do is drive in a circle for hours!" There are many different arguments that get tossed around about the sport. What ever the argument may be there is nothing that will come between die hard NASCAR fans and their favorite driver.



http://www.racingwest.com/images/news/large/08/logo_nascar-sprint.gif



Rookie, Joey Logano, has some pretty big shoes to fill as he takes over for Tony Stewart (<http://www.nascar.com>)

Fantasy Baseball Special: Studs, Duds, and Sleepers

By Steve Novak

Guest Writer

Hey everyone, its fantasy baseball time again and the draft is one of the most important parts of winning the coveted 1st place trophy. Now whether you are in a competitive or casual league these tips will help you draft a championship team. Here are my 2009 Fantasy Baseball Studs, Duds, and Sleepers.

STUDS

Álex Rodríguez

Amidst the steroid problems A-Rod is going to have

one of the best years of his career. He has been one of the best hitters in the game over the last decade and now he has Mark Teixeira batting behind him in the lineup, which allows A-Rod to see better pitches. He also has something to prove this year. I think will use the steroid problems to give him more motivation than ever to produce. A-Rod is your 2009 AL MVP.

Projected Stats 115/50/150

Alfonso Soriano

The oft-injured Cubs outfielder looks to play a full

season for the first time since he joined the Cubs. When he was on the field last season he put up stellar numbers. He said last week that his legs are the part of his body that seems to get hurt the most. However he added that his legs have never felt better and he is looking forward to staying healthy this season. Look for Soriano to stay healthy and put up MVP numbers.

Projected Stats 115/48/110

DUDS

Matt Holliday

It's hard to call him a dud because he will still be a top 20 outfielder, but his numbers will take a big hit because of his move out of Colorado. As many people know, playing at Coors Field is a hitters dream. Matt Holliday greatly benefited from hitting in Colorado. His numbers last season on the road were very different than is numbers he put up at Coors Field. I think he will still

have a good year but nothing like we our used to seeing out of Matt Holliday.

Projected Stats 85/22/90

CC Sabathia

Again, it's hard to call him a dud because he will be a top 10 pitcher, but he will not put up the numbers that he put up last season. CC's move to New York is the reason that he will not produce the same numbers as last season. Not many people remember that CC was only having an average season before he was dealt to the Brewers. I believe the reason he excelled because he was moved to the National League and the hitters were not used to him. Now CC is back in the American League and has a career record of 1-4 at the old Yankee Stadium. Look for CC to put up good numbers, but not like the Cy Young numbers he put up in seasons past.

Projected Stats 16/3.00/238

SLEEPERS

David Price

David Price is a 6'6" rookie pitcher for the Tampa Bay Rays. He was called up from the minors late last season and put on a clinic in the playoffs. He was a

first round pick out of Vanderbilt last season and dominated the minor leagues, winning his first 11 starts. Look for Price to take the league by storm and be the AL Rookie of the Year.

Projected Stats 15/3.21/215

Francisco Liriano

Remember him? He was part of that stellar 1-2 Punch the Twins had in 2006. After an arm injury sidelined him for the complete 2007 season Liriano returned in a limited role in 2008. He began the year as a shell of his former self. He was sent down to the minors where he found himself and dominated. He returned in August and looked better then the Liriano we saw in 2006. Look for him in the later rounds of your draft as people may have forgotten about Francisco Liriano.

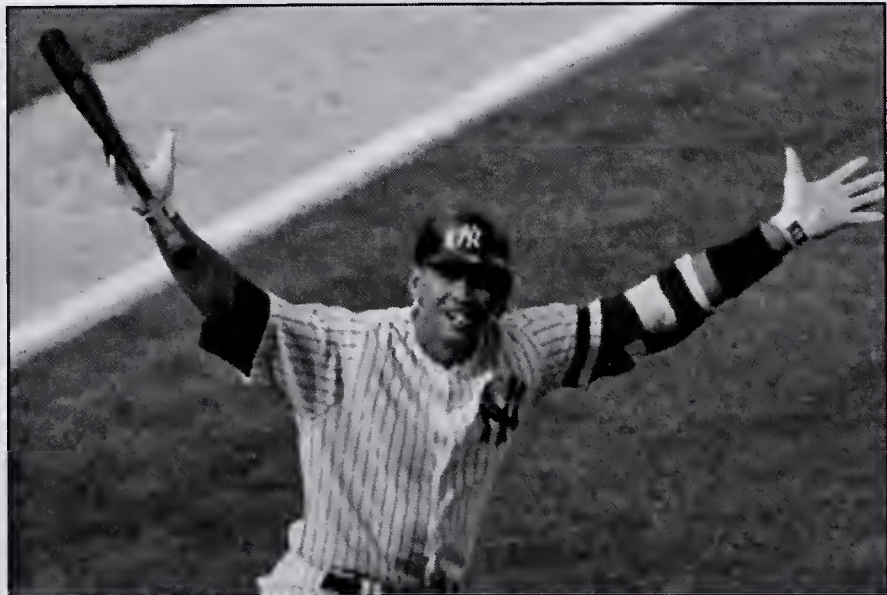
Projected Stats 19/2.76/221

Projected Stats for Hitters:

Runs/Home Runs/RBI

Projected Stats for Pitchers:

Wins/ERA/Strikeouts



Steroid allegations have been surrounding A-Rod this past week. (Photo credit: <http://graphics8.nytimes.com/images/2007/11/15/sports/baseball/arod.600.jpg>)

Karma and the Cosmos

By Star Goddess Sophia

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
You are feeling quite ready for Spring Break to begin! Whether you are going on a vacation with friends or are going home to spend time with the family, be sure to keep an eye out for new opportunities that might come your way.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)
You are in the process of getting over some serious stress that you have been going through lately. The fact that a break is coming up will definitely help to center you and allow you to consider what your next move should be.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)
Any and all problems that you might have over the next few weeks will seemingly disappear for you! Use this relatively peaceful time to reflect on what has been happening to you lately.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)
The upcoming break has you quite excited. In spite of that excitement, try not to forget about responsibilities while on break. That paper or project that you have been avoiding is coming up sooner than you might anticipate.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)
You are feeling adventurous as of late and you may want to use those feelings to go somewhere exciting over break. Just try not to drain your bank account while on that adventure of yours and all should go according to plan for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)
You are finding new and interesting ways to handle yourself as of late and this is definitely showing to your friends and family. Keep up the good work and you might find that good opportunities await.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)
You have got love on your mind lately and your good energy should help you to get what you are looking for. Wherever you are on the romance spectrum, Spring Break might lead to some great possibilities for the future of your love life.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are beginning to feel rather stagnant here at SJC so you might want to consider adding a few extra challenges to your life here on campus. Try joining a new group or starting a project you have been thinking about for a while now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)
Over the next few weeks, you might be faced with situations where you will have to speak up for yourself. Do not be afraid to do this since your opinion is very important and really ought to be heard!

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)
You have been feeling pretty good as of late and things will only get better once some good news comes your way! Let that good energy flow around you to help you with future challenges that might come your way later in the month.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)
You need to cut back on something in your life right now. Whether that something is health related or is as simple as spending less time with a certain friend, it is necessary to do something about the situation. You know what to do!

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)
You will be feeling unusually excitable over the next few weeks. Perhaps you should use those feelings to better yourself in some way. Or maybe you should take a trip to clear your mind. The choice is yours alone.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for February 26
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

He's Just Not That Into.. (PG-13)
Fri: 4:00, 6:20, 8:40
Sat: 4:00, 6:20, 8:40
Sun: 1:40, 4:00, 6:20
Mon-Thurs: 4:00, 6:20

The International (R)
Fri: 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
Sat: 4:10: 6:30, 8:50
Sun: 1:50, 4:10, 6:30
Mon-Thurs: 4:10, 6:30

Taken (PG-13)
Fri: 4:40, 7:00, 8:50
Sat: 4:40, 7:00, 8:50
Sun: 2:20, 4:40, 7:00
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 7:00

Pink Panther 2 (PG)
Fri: 4:30, 6:50, 8:40
Sat: 4:30, 6:50, 8:40
Sun: 2:10, 4:30, 6:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:50

Friday the 13th (R)
Fri: 4:20, 6:40, 8:30
Sat: 4:20, 6:40, 8:30
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Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:40

Slumdog Millionaire (R)
Fri: 4:20, 6:40, 8:50
Sat: 4:20, 6:40, 8:50
Sun: 2:00, 4:20, 6:40
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The Ritz Cinema

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Revolutionary Road
Every night at 7:30

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your auonymous comments to eru6109@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

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Question: Where are the dinosaurs?

Answer: They became people!

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Heaven is a gated community.

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There is a Hell, Michigan and it freezes over every winter.

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Syphilis: the gift that keeps on giving.

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I found Jackie Kennedy's head under my bed!

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She deserves to have exploding vampire babies!

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Lucy is a slut!

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Fox News appears to have been possessed by demons...

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Fact of the Matter

Elephants are the only mammals that cannot jump.

Women are 37% more likely to go to a psychiatrist than men are.

Diet Coke was invented in 1982.

The average person makes about 1,140 telephone calls a year.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid air borne particles from flushing.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigleys Gum.

The plastic things on the ends of shoelaces are called aglets.

Facts courtesy of: <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bingbin/>

Words of Wisdom

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."
Mark Twain

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."
Robert Frost

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."
Maya Angelou

Quotes courtesy of www.quotationspage.com

Movie Crossword!

Puzzle Courtesy of: <http://www.primate.wisc.edu/people/hamel/movxwd/movie81.html>

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 - 1 "Robin Hood" villain
 - 6 "The ___ of the Mohicans"
 - 10 "The Great Caruso" star
 - 11 "Pocahontas" villain
 - 13 "101 Dalmatians" villainess
 - 15 "A Bug's Life" villain
 - 17 "___ Mountain"
 - 20 Sitcom about the Conner family
 - 23 "Beauty and the Beast" villain
 - 25 "The Rescuers" villainess
 - 28 "Pinocchio" villain
 - 31 "___ Target" (1979 film starring 14-Down)
 - 33 "The Whole ___ Yards"
 - 34 "Sleeping Beauty" villainess
- ### Down

 - 1 Arthur's dog on "Arthur"
 - 2 "Destination ___ Space"
 - 3 Subject of "Auto Focus"
 - 4 "The Bell ___"
 - 5 Home on "Gilligan's Island"
 - 7 "The ___ Truth"
 - 8 1943 Richard Dix western
 - 9 "Ocean's ___"
 - 12 "It's ___ World" (Ted Bessell TV series)
 - 13 "All-American Girl" star Margaret
 - 14 Oscar winner for "Two Women"
 - 15 "The People vs. Larry Flynt" star
 - 16 Eddie Murphy's animated series, with "The"
 - 18 "The ___ Has Landed"
 - 19 "Killer Tomatoes ___ France!"
 - 21 "___ Family Values"
 - 22 Monroe's costar in "The Seven Year Itch"
 - 24 "___ Clear Day You Can See Forever"
 - 25 Actor Healey in "The Incredible Melting Man"
 - 26 "Fame" dance teacher Morgan
 - 27 "___ Door"
 - 29 "Smiles ___ Summer Night"
 - 30 "___ Station Zebra"
 - 32 "Will the Real Jerry Lewis Please ___ Down?" (TV cartoon)